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APPLICANT: Reinhold SCHNEIDER-NIESKENS - 3

FOR: BREAST PROSTHESIS HAVING AN ADHESIVE LAYER

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

ATTN.: MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents, U.S. PTO,
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed, please find copies of eleven (11) references, which are also listed on the attached PTO-form 1449. Nine references were cited in the German Search Report, an English translation of which is also enclosed. The English language version of the search report indicates the degree of relevance of the references cited therein found by the foreign office.

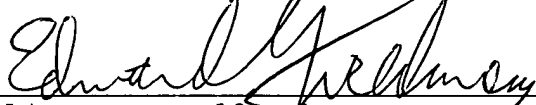
The following statement has been provided by the applicant concerning the relevance of DE 28 02 375 A1, which is also listed on the enclosed PTO-form 1449: "DE 28 02 375 A1 discloses a breast prosthesis having a number of exchangeable adhesive elements (H). The adhesive elements of DE 28 02 375 A1 do not form a continuous surface substantially conforming to a back section of the breast prosthesis."

Since the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently with the application, no official fee is required in connection with the same.

It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered and placed into the application file.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AA	US 5,071, 433	12/1991	<i>Naestoft et al.</i>			
	AB	US 4,356,573	11/1982	<i>Knoche</i>			
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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